

RESPONSE

In the Final Office Action of May 4, 2005, the Examiner has rejected previously presented claims 16-21 and pending claims 35 and 37 as being unpatentable over Ko et al. in view of Rothermel et al. The Examiner has rejected previously presented claims 22-25 as being unpatentable over Ko et al. in view of Rothermel et al. and in further view of Teng. The Examiner has rejected previously presented claims 26-28 and 36 as being unpatentable over Ko et al. in view of Rothermel et al. and in view of Teng and further in view of Cromer et al. The Examiner has withdrawn previously presented claims 29, 30-32, 33, and 34 as being directed to a non-elected invention. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection of claims 16-28 and 35-37 and the Examiner's withdrawal of claims 29-34.

Applicant respectfully asserts the argument that the Examiner's reliance on Ko et al. and Rothermel et al. is unconvincing. Both references are very broad in their discussions of network security. Ko et al. says only that it monitors activity and then lists the different intrusion detection and response capabilities as being construed from a host-based intrusion detection system (IDS), a network sniffer, a firewall or a wrapper that intercepts the arguments of system calls; none of which track and report the contents of system files as does the present Application. Further, neither Ko et al. nor Rothermel et al. make any suggestions that would lead one skilled in the art to reach Applicant's claimed invention based on the contents of these references. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner find independent claims 16, 35, and 37 and all claims depending therefrom patentable.

In view of the foregoing arguments, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the section 103 rejection and allow claims 16-28, 35, and 37 as currently presented. Applicant thanks the Examiner for consideration of the above.

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